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Lou Curry — Master Model Railroader No. 20

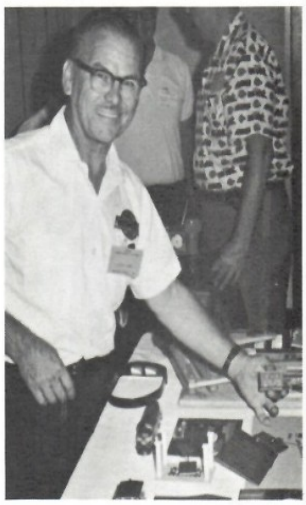
J. Louis (Lou) Curry of St. Petersburg, Florida has earned the distinction of being the NMRA's twentieth Master Model Railroader. The Sunshine Region's first Master Model Railroader, he is also the Sunshine Region Achievement Program Chairman.

Lou receiving MMR #20 at Award Dinner.

Having won the NMRA Gold Award at the NMRA Convention in Vancouver, B. C., in 1965 with his scratch built model of a poling car; he won the Gold Award in 1966 at the Cincinnati NMRA Convention with an operating model of a bascule bridge. Lou also placed second in the BRT Caboose Contest held in Cincinnati in 1966. In addition, his models have won other National contest awards; and several 'Best-in-Show' awards and other prizes at Sunshine Region Conventions.

Lou's 20 by 21-foot model railroad occupies an enclosed space between his home and garage. He has modeled a typical Florida coast city; the passenger station (a regional contest 'Best-in-Show' winner) is a full size replica of the former Atlantic Coast Line Station in St. Petersburg, complete with a scale model of a club model railroad that once existed on the second floor.

Lou holds the following Achievement Certificates: Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Civil, Electrical, Official, and Volunteer in addition to his Master Model Railroader. Lou has been modeling most of his life; beginning model railroading about 8 years ago and becoming a member of the NMRA in 1959. He started by building kits and graduated to scratch-building — his BRT Caboose is completely bolted together with scale bolts that he made himself. He has also served the Sunshine Region as both a Treasurer and a Director, as well as serving on the Contest Committee for many years and heading the Nominating Committee of his region for three years.



Lou's clinic on Scratch-building was well received.

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John Louis Curry of St. Petersburg, Fla., displays his Gold Award trophy at the Cincinnati Awards Dinner for Bulletin photographer Bob Jones.

The two views of Lou's 180 bascule bridge shows the meticulous work which has brought him the second such consecutive model building recognition.

On his return from the 1966 convention Lou was asked to take over the regional Achievement Program Chairman's duties for the Sunshine Region and has accepted that assignment.

Bridge photos by Lou Curry